



Village of Savoy

**Savoy Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL**

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MINUTES OF</u> <u>BOARD OF TRUSTEE STUDY SESSION</u></p>
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DATE: April 11, 2016

PLACE: SAVOY MUNICIPAL CENTER
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Robert C. McCleary, Trustees John P. Brown, Joan E. Dykstra, Jan Carter Niccum, Rebecca Pittman, William Smith and Dee Shonkwiler

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

OFFICERS AND

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Helton, Village Manager
C. David Well, Village Treasurer
Levi Kopmann, Director of Public Works/Engineer
Mike Forrest, Chief, Savoy Fire Dept.
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

OFFICERS AND

PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Christine Walsh, County Star

CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 7:45 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL TAKEN**

Chairman Pittman called the monthly open and public Board of Trustees Study Session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called of President McCleary and the Trustees, with all answering present, and a quorum declared.

2. **BUSINESS:**

**A. PRESIDENT PRO TEM APPOINTMENT AND DESIGNATION
TO TRUSTEE WILLIAM A. SMITH FROM 4-20-16 TO 5-3-16**

Trustee Dykstra made a motion to advise and consent to the appointment and designation of President Pro Tem to Trustee William A. Smith to be effective from April 20, 2016 to May 3, 2016, seconded by Trustee Brown; By Trustee vote: Brown, yes; Dykstra, yes; Niccum, yes; Pittman, Shonkwiler, yes; Smith; present. Motion carried.

B. DRAFT OF 2016-2017 VILLAGE OF SAVOY OPERATING BUDGET

Dick Helton presented the Village of Savoy FY 17 Operating and Capital Budget and stated that this budget is different from the preliminary budget at the March 9, 2016 Study Session in which there was a better than \$2.5 Million deficit and this one he is presenting tonight has a surplus of \$600,000, since March 9, Staff has combed through the preliminary budget and made adjustments to each of the Department Funds, as well as the Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Replacement Funds. This \$600,000 surplus/reserve has been the Village's policy for many years. Staff also make decisions that have been influenced by what is happening with the Illinois state budget and keeping an eye on how the state will proceed with setting its budget and how they will get a balanced budget.

Helton stated that in this revised preliminary budget tonight, he has had the numbers that have changed on each page hi-lighted in yellow so that everyone can compare them to the original preliminary budget that was presented on March 9.

The following were questions and comments by the Trustees concerning the Operating Budget presented at tonight's meeting:

Trustee Niccum suggested at looking at a "used" F350 for the Public Works service truck, instead of purchasing a new F250 Service Truck for \$45,000. Levi Kopmann stated he preferred to purchase the Public Works service trucks through the State of IL and therefore getting a new truck at a better price.

Niccum also questioned that there was nothing budgeted for ASR concrete work. Kopmann stated the Public Works Dept. can take care of it through patching.

Niccum also asked about what the increase in the health insurance premiums were going to be. Helton stated there would be an 8% increase. Niccum also asked about the fire subscription fees being increased. Helton stated there would be an increase in the fire subscription fees which had not been raised for a long time.

Trustee Smith commented that the engineering for the bike path seemed high. Also, he questioned an increase in the Sheriff's Department contract. Helton stated there would be a 3 ½% increase that is set out in the Village's contract with the Sheriff's Department.

Trustee Dykstra questioned if \$85,000 was enough for the Street & Sidewalk Repair. Kopmann stated at the Public Works Department will be purchasing a sidewalk grinder that will help with the sidewalk repair costs.

Trustee Dykstra commented that she would prefer the budget to be in a form of what we normally spend and then the wish list, but to have a balanced budget to begin with.

Helton stated there is a proposed development coming up west of the Curtis Road and the Curtis Road Interchange that will require a regional lift station and interceptor sewer, and the Village of Savoy will be a part of this development and will have to allocate costs for its development. The parties involved in this multi-jurisdictional project will be the City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, and the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District. There will also be future discussions on a boundary agreement between the City of Champaign and the Village of Savoy. Helton said that in order for the Village to help with paying for these costs, he is suggesting a substantial increase in the sewer benefit fee. Helton stated he will be bringing this suggested substantial increase in the sewer benefit fee tax to the Trustees some time before December 2016, in order to try and plan for the future to create a reserve to prepare for Savoy's participation in the construction of the regional lift station and interceptor sewer that will serve the Church Street and Curtis Road area.

Helton stated he will be suggesting that after the budget is passed on April 20, 2016, he would like the Department heads to wait until the Fall of 2016 to begin making major budget purchases, instead of starting to spend the budget money in June to just see what the State of Illinois is going to do in order to balance its budget.

3. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the open and public Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jean Krueger

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

This meeting was recorded.

Approved 5-4-16.